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1. The new uranium deposits, formerly reported as having been discovered at Freithalburg, are actually at Freital-Zauckerode, near Dresden, which can be reached by the suburban trolley network. Uranium mining operations have been started in one shaft. German specialists of the Freiburg Mining Academy under the leadership of Professor Schön have been assigned to assist the Russians.

2. At the present time, Aue, rather than Oberschlema, may be regarded as the center of the uranium mining activities; the hiring of workers and the supervision of the work is directed from there. In view of the large "general loss of workers", SMA Order #17 asked the Labor Offices to recruit an additional 70,000 men between the ages of 18 and 45, to be supplied gradually within the next six months. Since the use of men for permanent mining activity is also dependent upon the results of a physical check-up to be made in the mining area, and since many drafted persons escape after receiving a summons from the Labor Offices, the latter are recruiting 30-50% more men than actually needed.

3. During November-December 1947, three complete RR trains with personnel and machines left Aue-Oberschlema for the East.

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